

**City of Albany
Common Council**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Albany Common Council is seeking nominations of qualified residents of the City of Albany for the following position:

Title of Position:

Member, Sustainability Advisory Committee; three Council openings for terms ending:

- June 30, 2018 (2 openings)
- June 30, 2019 (1 opening)

Term of Appointment:

Terms are for three years; the current openings are for vacant unexpired terms. Appointees to these terms are eligible for reappointment to a full three-year term at the end.

In addition to five Council appointees, there are an additional ten members; five of whom are appointed by the Mayor, with the remaining ex-officio members being the: Commissioner of the Department of General Service; Commissioner of Development and Planning; Commissioner of the Water Department; City Engineer; and head of the Police Traffic Safety Unit, or their designees.

Position Responsibilities/Duties:

The Committee was established in 2013 to study and recommend methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency, and renewable energy production, conserve water, reduce waste, and employ environmentally-responsible products; to promote the use of methods, systems, and materials that do not deplete natural land, water, and energy resources or harm natural cycles; to encourage the growth of green businesses and green jobs within the city, as well as the adoption of sustainable practices by existing businesses; to work cooperatively with similar task forces in neighboring communities to ensure that efforts complement and reinforce one another; to empower every resident of the city, regardless of social demographics or economic means, by informing city residents of practical and attainable ways to live sustainably; to consider ways for large academic, governmental, or institutional communities to become more environmentally sensitive; to encourage and stimulate City of Albany agencies and departments to take such action as will fulfill the purposes of this part; to make recommendations as necessary and appropriate to the Mayor and the Common Council to effectuate the goals and purposes for which it was established; and to assist with the implementation and monitoring of the [Climate Action](#) and [Adaptation](#) Plans, [Albany 2030 Comprehensive Plan](#), as well as the [Capital Region Sustainability Plan](#).

The Committee has the authority to create subcommittees to focus on specific topics, including, but not limited to, energy, equity, transportation, water, waste, and food systems. Membership on the subcommittees is open to the general public at the discretion of the Committee.

Appointed members of the Committee must reside in the City of Albany and possess a reputation for fairness, integrity and responsibility and have demonstrated an active interest in public affairs and the environment. The members appointed shall reflect community diversity, including, but not limited to, income level, race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender and sexual orientation.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee shall meet not less than six times per year and must file an annual report with the Mayor and Common Council.

Statutory Authority:

The Sustainability Advisory Committee is established in accordance with Article XVIII of Part 8 of Chapter 42 of the Code of the City of Albany ([sections 42-132 through 42-137](#)). Additional information on the Committee is available at this link:
<http://www.albanyustainability.org/working-group>

Application Requirement:

Applicants are requested to submit a letter of intent describing qualifications, as well as why they would like to serve on the committee, and include a current resume to:

Michele Andre
Legislative Aide
Common Council
City Hall - Room 206
Albany, NY 12207
Tel: 434-5087 | Fax: 434-5081 | e-mail: Mandre@albanyny.gov

Applicants will be interviewed by a selected committee of the Common Council prior to appointment.

Deadline for Applications: Tuesday, March 30, 2018

(3/13/18)

Policy Statement

The Common Council is committed to assuring that its appointments to city boards, authorities, commissions or committees is representative of the diversity of Albany's population. Consistent with the City of Albany Human Rights Law, it is the policy of the Common Council to prohibit discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, age, disability, marital or domestic partner status in all aspects of its personnel policies, programs, practices and operations.